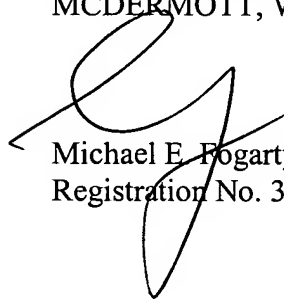


## REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claim 19 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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